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- a. creating a program that utilizes an Internet connection, independent of a web browser, to provide real time odds and information;
- b. providing means for a display of real time odds and information;
- c. providing means for navigating said display in order to acquire information; and
- d. providing means for allowing a user to customize the program so that an alert will be given when a predetermined occurrence takes place in connection with the odds offered by one sports book or a predetermined number of sports books to enable the user to acquire the information he needs automatically.

28. The method of claim 27 wherein said navigation means further comprises:

- a. a menu made up of various buttons; and
- b. said button are equipped with pull down menus.

29. The method of claim 27 wherein said program is written in the C++ programming language.

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REMARKS

The present application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed June 26, 2002. Three new claims have been added with claim 27 being a new independent claim, and claims 28 and 29 depending therefrom. Support for the aforementioned amendment to the claims is found throughout the specification and figures. No new matter or issues are believed to be introduced by this amendment to the claims.

Before commencing with an explanation of the applicants other actions in regards to the present Office Action, Applicant wishes to express his thanks for the time spent by the Examiner and his Primary in discussing various involved in this application in the telephone interview. Applicant also formally request an extension of three month period to respond to the Office Action mailed June 26, 2002 to December 26, 2002, so that his response is rendered timely.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings due to a problem with the margins as well as for the solid black shading in drawings 1-6. Corrected drawings are submitted herein, which address the Examiner's objections.

The Examiner has also objected to the listing of references in the specification as not being a proper information disclosure under 37 CFR 1.98(b). Applicant respectfully directs the

Examiner's attention to the already existing Information Disclosure Statement in independent form which is already part of the docket file. Applicant has included the two references found in the discussion of the Background of the Invention in order to properly define the present invention. Should the Examiner further object to the reference to two background patents in the body of the specification, Applicant will offer amendments in that regard.

The Examiner has objected to the Abstract of the Disclosure as being repetitive in its wording. Applicant has amended the Abstract of the Disclosure in clear and concise terms. Further, the two instances of embedded hyperlinks have been deleted. Applicant hopes that these changes remove any objection the Examiner may have.

The Examiner has rejected all of the pending claims as either being anticipated by Don Best Sports under 35 U.S.C. 102 or as obvious under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view of Don Best Sports in further view of Zinda, et. al. Applicant is submitting a Declaration under Rule 132 which, it is respectfully offered, explains in specific detail the difference between the prior art and the present invention, and that the prior art does not either anticipate the present invention, or render it obvious alone or in view of Zinda. Zinda cannot be properly combined with the prior art without destroying the intended functioning on the prior art. To further overcome the 103 rejection, applicant has also included information of the commercial success of the new sports book program. Both the Examiner and the applicant have discussed the fact that the prior art is owned by the applicant. The applicant respectfully urges the Examiner to consider the information contained in the Declaration as critical to the issues presented in the rejection, and as discussed in the telephone interview.

In view of the Declaration and the explanation contained therein, as well as the three new claims, reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested. It is respectfully urged that the Examiner's objections to the drawings, Abstract and specification have been corrected and that the present application is in a condition for allowance.

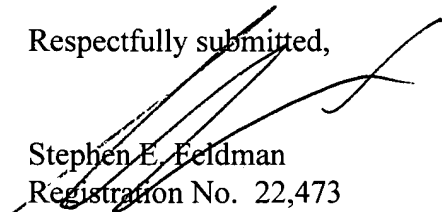
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the prior art and references do not disclose or suggest the invention as claimed and allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

Applicant requests a three (3) month extension of time, and three new claims. A check for \$529.00 is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,


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